

KILLED HIMSELF TO ESCAPE PRISON

Hayden's Crime Most Diabolical Ever Report-

WIFE CONFIRMS

Driven Out of Her Home, She Begged Officers Not to Make an Arrest—Stranger First Reported Matter to Police, Who Were Slow

Learning that the police had procured evidence from his wife and citizen unknown to her that would have sent him, if convicted, to the death chair, "Dr." Wynne Hayden, mental healer, committed suicide in his apartments at 906 West Marshall

Others in the house smelled escaping gas shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and Policeman Stockmar was summoned. The officer broke open the door. Hayden was lying on his back, dressed in his night clothes, with a smile on his lips. Coroner Taylor, who

Wife Driven Away in Night.

Mrs. Hayden, who had been driven out of the house by her husband at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, was notified of his death at 117 North Eighth Street, where she had taken refuge. She almost collapsed when she viewed the body, but expressed no surprise at the deed, Hayden, she said, had threatened before to kill himself.

While the man lay dead in his room, Captain Egan, who had been called

where charges had been filed. One station against Hayden Saturday night, giving a report of them to Major Werner. The police declare the charges to be of a nature the most unusual and diabolical that ever came to the notice. A criminal warrant would have been served on Hayden, and it is believed that he had learned, or had good reason to believe, that the police were about to take active steps against him. Hayden's scheme was, according to report made by Captain McMahon to Mrs. Hayden last night, to replenish his decreasing fund.

Got Evidence of Crime.
The crime of which the dead man accused was committed Saturday night At 5 o'clock that afternoon Hayden returned to his rooms with a stranger.

Both had been drinking. They had
few more drinks in Hayden's room.
When he was able to free himself from
Hayden's clutches, the stranger re-
ported the matter to the Second Sta-
tion, and was accompanied back to the
therapist's room by a police officer.
But Mrs. Hayden, while corroborating
the unusual story,

A short time later she retired, and was awakened in the early morning when Hayden, remembering everything which had happened, quarreled with her and drove her, thinly clad, from the house. She made her way along the street, and her former husband's address in Eighth Street, and remained in the house. She was informed of her husband's death.

It is probable, in view of the corroborative statements of both Mrs. Hayden and the stranger, that the police will now take no action. But the fact that

when the serious charge was reported to the Second Station Saturday night and declared to be true by Mrs. Hayden, has excited much adverse criticism. The crime is said to be a capital offense and the public is expected to be greatly interested in the case.

Second Complaint Made.
On Sunday afternoon Hayden again

a woman in the house. She also reported the affair to a police officer and asked how she could get him out, as he was drunk and was annoying her. She was advised to allow him to remain until he became sober. That

Hayden was born in Iowa, and was thirty-two years old. His father, O. C. Hayden, is a citizen of Albert Lea, Minn., where he is engaged in the clothing business. Mrs. Hayden, the Miss Anna E. Sides, and her husband met at her home, Sedan, Kan., where after a short courtship, they were married.

ried Jul. 7, 1910. Shortly afterward they came East, bringing with them Mrs. Hayden's mother, Mrs. Emma Sides. They went to Hobbs, Md., where Mrs. Sides is now living. From there they went to Baltimore, taking room

at 503 West Lombard Street, remaining there two weeks. They arrived in Richmond, said Mrs. Hayden, about December 28, going first to 117 North Eighth Street, where they stayed until January 10, when they moved to West Marshall Street.

Deserves Great Pity.
Mrs. Hayden was on the verge of utter collapse last night, and could see no one except the officers who were to investigate her story. Many officers

of help came, but she received careful attention from the woman with whom she and her husband boarded, and was grateful. The police say that her case is deserving of the utmost sympathy and pity.

A telegram to Hayden's mother was sent yesterday afternoon. A reply received last night was to the effect that Hobbs, Md., would be preferred as burial place. But as there are no friends of the Hayden family there,

Hayden was a man of prepossessing appearance and commanding figure. It seemed to make friends easily.

spent most of his time here in delin-
ling. He practiced what he called mag-
netic healing, though he had no experi-

phetic hearing, though he had attempted